

1 House is entitled, which would include in the computation
2 of members any vacant seats. Eleven state constitutions
3 do not mention majority requirements for the passage of
4 bills, and of those eleven, all but two have rules of
5 their legislative bodies which require certain majorities.

6 It is interesting to note that a couple of those
7 states which have no majority requirements for passage of
8 bills mention in their constitution, required two-thirds
9 for a quorum.

10 We believe that this thing is such a revolu-
11 tionary step that it cannot be adopted by the Committee of
12 the Whole or by the Convention without doing a great dis-
13 service to the people of Maryland.

14 In the majority recommendation there are oppor-
15 tunities for political trickery and political chicanery
16 that we have never had. There has been a great deal of
17 talk in this convention about the advisability of legisla-
18 tors. We suggest that advisability of legislators will
19 disappear if you have a situation in which eleven people
20 in the Senate and 31 people in the House can pass bills.

21 An example of what might happen is a day like